

California Department of Education Public Charter Schools Grant Program

BASIC GRANTS Q & A's

Answers to most questions may be found in the Request for Applications (RFA)..

- Q. How do I turn in a Statement of Intent?
- R. You may fax in a completed Statement of Intent found on RFA p.17, or submit an electronic Statement of Intent on the CDE web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/charter>. Statements of Intent are due May 27, 2003. Grant applications received for without a preceding Statement of Intent will not be read or scored. Charter Schools Office staff is unable to verify individual receipt of Statements of Intent, but submissions completed on the CDE Web page will trigger an electronic acknowledgement. Applicants not submitting the Statement of Intent on the CDE Web page, who desire acknowledgement of their submission, are encouraged to use return receipt mail.
- Q. When are applications due?
- R. (RFA, p. 12) One signed original and two copies of the application must be **received** by June 27, 2003. Faxed applications will not be accepted. Changes may not be made to applications after sending them to the Charter Schools Office. Charter Schools Office Staff is not able to verify individual receipt of grant applications. Applicants are encouraged to mail them certified return receipt, and discouraged from hand-delivering them. Hand deliveries can only be made to the CDE loading dock before 3:30 p.m., on 14th Street, between N & O Streets.
- Q. When will we find out if we won a grant?
- R. The Charter Schools Office will upload a list of winners on its web page immediately after the State Board of Education in early September 2003. Written "congratulations" and "regrets" packages will be mailed in late September. The Charter Schools Office staff is unable to respond to requests for information about the winning status of individual grant applications.
- Q. If we win, when will we get the money?
- R. (RFA, p. 6) Money will reach the field in approximately December 2003.
- Q. If I have a State Board of Education number, may I apply for a Start-up grant?
- R. (RFA p. 40) No. However, you may apply for an Implementation grant if you have been operating for less than two years. You may not apply for a Start-up grant if you received a Planning grant under a previous grant cycle.
- Q. If I received local approval for my charter petition, may I still apply for a Start-up grant?
- R. Yes, as long as you don't have a State Board of Education number for your charter petition.
- Q. My charter school has been operating for a while. May we apply for an Implementation grant?
- R. (RFA, p. 52) Yes, if your school did not begin serving students prior to June 27, 2001.